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Title: Need to take safety measures to prevent the death of children due to accidents.

SHRIMATI C.S. SUJATHA (MAVELIKARA): As per the report of the World Health Organisation, about 8,30,000 children die world over in accidents and millions of children sustain serious injuries. The death rate in the poor and developing countries are ten times higher than that of the developed countries. Road accidents cause most of these deaths. The report also points out that had there been proper security measures in place at least 1000 deaths could have been averted every day. The death of children and their injuries adds additional financial burden on the poor families. In our country, hundreds of valuable lives are lost in road accidents. Due to lack of proper transport facilities, children are forced to avail insecure means of transportation, without any proper safety measures. It is, therefore, necessary to make arrangement for proper transportation facilities to school children and also to evolve stringent measures against the violations of safety norms.

In view of the gravity of the situation I urge upon the Government to take necessary steps in this regard.